

Water Quality Partnership

Update on Water Quality Temperature Criteria Guidance Project

July 19, 2001

1. Overview of the criteria guidance options

See attachment

2. Key issues that cut across criteria options

- How detailed will EPA's guidance be?
- Where and when should the temperature criteria apply?
- How does the temperature standard address "irreversible human impacts?"
- To what extent do we allow for human use?
- Will EPA consult on the guidance or when EPA approves a state/tribal WQS?

3. Schedule

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| July 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refine selected options |
| August 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select final option(s) |
| Sept 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refine final proposal and prepare for public workshops• Post proposed guidance on EPA website• Send out workshop notices |
| Oct 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold public workshops |
| Nov 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment period ends• Summary of comments and responses |
| Dec 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue final criteria guidance |